

dial-up, 3G is equivalent to 3 times the amount of dial-up but less than DSL, and 4G will be close to DSL.

Professor Kenneth Wilson (East Carolina University) presented survey findings tracking the use and availability of home computers and internet access.

Jane Smith Patterson (Executive Director, e-NC Authority) explained how the e-NC Authority uses information collected from service providers as well as actual subscriber survey information to pinpoint internet access. According to Patterson, 83.33% of composite households have some sort of access to the Internet.

December 18, 2008 Meeting Summary

The sixth meeting of the Committee was held on December 18, 2008.

Jane Smith Patterson (Executive Director, e-NC Authority) reported on the results of the 2008 Broadband Summits endorsed by the Committee.

Representative Winkie Wilkins introduced constituents from Person County to explain to the Committee their frustration at not having access to broadband internet services and their desire to have the service made available to their community. Additional comments were heard from Chatham County constituents of Speaker Joe Hackney, expressing the same concern about the lack of access to broadband internet services.

Bunny Sanders expressed the concerns of the Windows on the World organization, stating that their findings on broadband availability in rural areas are not consistent with the findings of the e-NC Authority. Windows on the World numbers on availability indicate much lower availability. Sanders expressed the need for broadband access in rural areas and stressed its importance in the economic and educational development of citizens in those areas.

Mary Boone (State Librarian) described the technology used by the State Library and spoke about the library's commitment to providing information to the citizens of the State. Boone stressed how vital it is that all citizens have access to the information that is available from the State Library via the Internet.

Joe Mefford (Senior Broadband Consultant, Connected Nation) explained the history of Connected Nation and described its role in mapping the availability of broadband access in various states. Mefford demonstrated the ways in which Connected Nation will use its technology in conjunction with North Carolina's broadband services providers to map the availability of broadband access in this State.